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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A The method of claim 1, for maintaining a license repository, comprising:
maintaining a number of entities in the license repository in a server by
maintaining a profile for each of the entities, the number entities including a number
of licensors and a number of licensees, each of the profiles including point of contact
for at least one of the entities in the license repository;
generating a number of licenses between respective pairs of the
licensees and the licensors based upon an input from at least one of the licensees
and the licensors, respectively;
maintaining the licenses in the license repository; and
wherein the step of generating the number of licenses between
respective pairs of the licensees and the licensors based upon the input from the at
least one of the licensees and the licensors, further comprises:
generating a first one of the licenses based upon a unilateral
input by a first one of the entities; and
notifying a second one of the entities that is party to the first one
of the licenses of the creation of the first one of the licenses, wherein the first
one of the licenses is unconfirmed; and
receiving a confirmation status input from the second one of the
entities indicating whether the first one of the licenses is confirmed.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, further comprising maintaining a confirmation status of at least one of the licenses in the license repository.

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5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32, further comprising:
modifying a first one of the profiles in the license repository based upon
a modification input received from a first one of the entities; and
notifying a second one of the entities that is party to one of the licenses
with the first one of the entities of the modifying of the first one of the profiles.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, further comprising
maintaining a number of license products associated with at least one of the
licensors in the license repository.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising including an
additional one of the number of license products in the license repository based upon
a license product input from the at least one of the licensors.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

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11. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The program embodied on a computer-readable medium for maintaining a license repository, comprising: of claim 9,
code that maintains a number of entities in the license repository by
maintaining a profile for each of the entities, the number entities including a number
of licensors and a number of licensees, each of the profiles including point of contact
for at least one of the entities in the license repository;
code that generates a number of licenses between respective pairs of
the licensees and the licensors based upon an input from at least one of the
licensees and the licensors, respectively;
code that maintains the licenses in the license repository; and
wherein the code that generates the number of licenses between
respective pairs of the licensees and the licensors based upon the input from the at
least one of the licensees and the licensors, further comprises:
code that generates a first one of the licenses based upon a
unilateral input by a first one of the entities; and
code that notifies a second one of the entities that is party to the
first one of the licenses of the creation of the first one of the licenses, wherein
the first one of the licenses is unconfirmed; and
code that updates a confirmation status of the first one of the
licenses based upon a confirmation status input received from the second one
of the entities indicating whether the first one of the licenses is confirmed.

12. (Currently Amended) The program embodied on a computer-readable medium of claim 119, further comprising code that maintains a confirmation status of at least one of the licenses in the license repository.

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13. (Currently Amended) The program embodied on a computer-readable medium of claim 1140, further comprising:

code that modifies a first one of the profiles in the license repository based upon a modification input received from a first one of the entities; and

code that notifies a second one of the entities that is party to one of the licenses with the first one of the entities of the modifying of the first one of the profiles.

14. (Cancel)

15. (Currently Amended) The program embodied on a computer-readable medium of claim 119, further comprising code that maintains a number of license products associated with at least one of the licensors in the license repository.

16. (Original) The program embodied on a computer-readable medium of claim 15, further comprising code that includes an additional one of the number of license products in the license repository based upon a license product input from the at least one of the licensors.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

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19. (Currently Amended) A ~~The system for maintaining a license repository, comprising: of claim 17,~~

means for maintaining a number of entities in the license repository in a server by maintaining a profile for each of the entities, the number entities including a number of licensors and a number of licensees, each of the profiles including point of contact for at least one of the entities in the license repository;

means for generating a number of licenses between respective pairs of the licensees and the licensors based upon an input from at least one of the licensees and the licensors, respectively;

means for maintaining the licenses in the license repository; and

wherein the means for generating the number of licenses between respective pairs of the licensees and the licensors based upon the input from the at least one of the licensees and the licensors, further comprises:

means for generating a first one of the licenses based upon a unilateral input by a first one of the entities; and

means for notifying a second one of the entities that is party to the first one of the licenses of the creation of the first one of the licenses, wherein the first one of the licenses is unconfirmed; and

means for indicating whether the first one of the licenses is confirmed based upon a confirmation status input received from the second one of the entities.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~19~~¹⁷, further comprising means for maintaining a confirmation status of at least one of the licenses in the license repository.

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~19~~¹⁷, further comprising means for maintaining a number of license products associated with at least one of the licensors in the license repository.

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22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1948, further comprising:
means for modifying a first one of the profiles in the license repository
based upon a modification input received from a first one of the entities; and
means for notifying a second one of the entities that is party to one of
the licenses with the first one of the entities of the modifying of the first one of the
profiles.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Original) The system of claim 21, further comprising means for
including an additional one of the number of license products in the license
repository based upon a license product input from the at least one of the licensors.

25. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein the step of maintaining the
confirmation status of the at least one of the licenses in the license repository further
comprises indicating whether the at least one of the licenses is denied.

26. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein the step of maintaining the
confirmation status of the at least one of the licenses in the license repository further
comprises indicating whether the at least one of the licenses is confirmed.